

On motion, ORDERED, That the visitors and governors of Saint-John's college lay before the house an account of the expenditure of the monies granted them by the state.

The resolution respecting the neutrality of the United States during the present war between the powers of Europe, was read the second time and unanimously assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk, with the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, the bill for the better regulation of apprentices, and the bill to continue an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, and the act to continue and amend the said act.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day respecting the petition exhibited by Edward Dorsey, son of Caleb, against William Whetcroft, and after making further progress therein, referred the same for further consideration until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 5, 1793.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Jones is excused for absenting himself without leave.

A memorial from the commissioners of Charles-town, in Cæcil county, praying that the post road may continue to run through said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ward, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Howard, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Long, of Baltimore county, stating, that the state had commenced two suits against him, and praying that a committee may be appointed to examine his bill of complaint against the state, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Lloyd, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Canter, relict of William Canter, junior, of Charles county, have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; from all the information the committee can procure, the land is not worth near as much as has been already paid, and the petitioner, and her infant family, must be involved in inevitable ruin, without any benefit to the state, should a rigid compliance of the contract be enforced. Under these circumstances, and in consideration of the large payments already made, the committee are of opinion the petitioner ought to be released from the balance due on the bond of her deceased husband, upon surrendering the land to the state. They therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, upon the application of Elizabeth Canter, of Charles county, deliver to her the bond given by William Canter, junior, Henry Lyon and Joseph Lyon, and dated the thirteenth of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, upon her surrendering up to the state the whole land for which the said bond was given.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the second reading of the bill to alter and repeal part of the act, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, agreeably to the order of the day, be postponed until Monday next.

The house resumed the further consideration of the order of the day respecting the petition exhibited by Edward Dorsey, son of Caleb, against William Whetcroft, and after making further progress therein, the same is referred for further consideration until to-morrow morning.

On the second reading the bill to establish a bank in the district of Columbia, the question was put, That the said bill be amended, by inserting the following words in the second enacting clause after the word "manner?" "That the sum of two dollars be paid by each subscriber, at the time of subscribing, for each share so subscribed, and the remaining ninety-eight dollars within one month after choosing the directors." Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, it was proposed to strike out the following clause, viz. "Be it enacted, That whenever any person or persons are indebted to the said bank for monies borrowed by them, or for bonds, bills or notes, given or endorsed by them, with an express consent in writing that they may be made negotiable at the said bank, and shall refuse or neglect to make payment at the time the same become due, the president shall cause a demand in writing on the person of the said delinquent or delinquents having consented as aforesaid, or if not to be found, have the same left at his last place of abode, and if the money so due shall not be paid within ten days after such demand made, or notice left at his last place of abode as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the president, at his election, to write to the clerk of the general court, or of the county in which the said delinquent or delinquents may reside, or did at the time he or they contracted the debt reside, and sent to the said clerk the bond, bill or note, due, with proof of the demand made as aforesaid, and order the said clerk to issue *capias ad satisfaciendum*, *fieri facias*, or attachment by way of execution, on which the debt and costs may be levied, by selling the property of the defendant, for the sum or sums of money mentioned in the said bond, bill or note; and the clerk of the general court, and the clerks of the county courts, are hereby respectively required to issue such execution or executions, which shall be made returnable to the court whose clerk shall issue the same which shall first sit after the issuing thereof,